[10th September 1958

Tuticorin Coral Mills Workers Co-operative Societies

* 137 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation was received from a member of the Coral Mills Workers Co-operative Societies, Tuticorin, in the month of February 1958, regarding certain irregularities in the acceptance of tenders in connection with the printing of calendars in the above stores; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A copy of the petition, dated 23rd January 1958, from a member of the Coral Mills Workers Co-operative Stores, addressed to the Deputy Registrar, Tuticorin, was received by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

(*b*) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies ordered an urgent enquiry by the Deputy Registrar in the matter. The Deputy Registrar's report disclosed that the tenders received from the printers for printing of calendars was not placed before the full Advisory Committee for discussion but that the lowest tender was approved in circulation to members of the Advisory Committee one of whom happened to be the Manager of the Sri Raman Press whose tender was approved. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued necessary instructions to the concerned Deputy Registrar that in such matters, where the members of the Advisory Committee are directly or indirectly interested, the subjects should be placed before the full Advisory Committee for consideration instead of getting them passed by circulation, and that the member concerned who is directly or indirectly interested in the matter should not also participate in the consideration of those matters.

House-sites

* 138 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount was collected from the Harijans of Kilgudalur village, Olakkur firka, Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district, on 31st July 1957, for providing them with house sites;

(*b*) whether house-sites have since been allotted to them; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) The Harijans agreed to pay 1/8 contribution towards the cost of acquisition of house-sites in this village but they have not yet remitted the promised contribution. The Collector has therefore deferred the land acquisition proceedings till the realisation of the contribution from the Harijans.